GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2868
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Condition of Sanitation Workers
P. Shri Nagarajan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that 7 per cent of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) cleaning/sanitation staff have cancer symptoms, 31 per cent of the staff have been diagnosed with hypertension, BP and lung related problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any preventive measures to save these staff from health problems and to provide necessary equipments like air-mask, gloves, shoes etc. for their protection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that the Indian Cancer Society has carried out a survey of the safai karamcharis above 40 years of age and has submitted a report.

(c) & (d): All necessary preventive measures have been taken by the NDMC by providing protective equipments like masks, gloves, shoes etc. to the concerned staff. NDMC has informed that awareness programmes
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have been organised for the workers who have been addicted to tobacco and alcohol. Besides this, a cashless scheme for their medical treatment has also been provided by the NDMC.
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